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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
AKIHISA HORIUCHI ) Examiner: T. Thompson  
Appln. No.: 09/698,115 ) Group Art Unit: 2873  
Filed: October 30, 2000 )  
For: ZOOM LENS AND OPTICAL ) May 20, 2003  
APPARATUS USING THE SAME :

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated January 31, 2003, for one month, from April 30, 2003, to May 31, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in, or overpayment of, this fee should be charged, or credited to, Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

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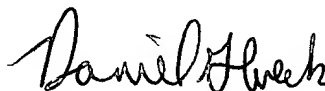
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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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